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Title	O-RING REMOVAL SLOT
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 17]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
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